

SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NOS. [2017-370-E](#), [2017-207-E](#), [2017-305-E](#) ORDER NO. 2018-114-H

AUGUST 23, 2018

David Butler
Hearing Officer

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Docket No. 2017-370-E – Joint Application and Petition of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company and Dominion Energy, Incorporated for Review and Approval of a Proposed Business Combination between SCANA Corporation and Dominion Energy, Incorporated, as May Be Required, and for a Prudency Determination Regarding the Abandonment of the V.C. Summer Units 2 & 3 Project and Associated Customer Benefits and Cost Recovery Plans

Docket No. 2017-207-E – Friends of the Earth and Sierra Club, Complainant/Petitioner v. South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, Defendant/Respondent

Docket No. 2017-305-E – Request of the Office of Regulatory Staff for Rate Relief to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's Rates Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-920

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Request for Modification of Order No. 2018-102-H requiring pre-hearing Briefs in lieu of opening arguments at merits hearing

HEARING OFFICER ACTION:

This matter comes before the Hearing Officer as a request to modify Order No. 2018-102-H from the Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”). ORS proposes that limited opening statements be allowed at the merits hearing in these Dockets for those who would like to provide a brief overview instead of or in addition to pre-hearing briefs. ORS proposes seven (7) minutes per opening statement for parties so interested. After consultation with the Chairman, both he and the Hearing Officer understand the desire of some of the parties to present a brief overview of their cases in lieu of or in addition to filing pre-hearing briefs, and this Hearing Officer grants modification of Order No. 2018-102-H to allow such opening statements. However, five (5) minutes per party per opening statement is deemed to be a reasonable time for those parties wishing to provide limited opening statements, especially considering the compressed schedule for the proceeding and the fact

that the Commission is offering the opportunity for the filing of pre-hearing briefs. It is anticipated that not all parties may desire to present opening statements. Further, it is requested that opening statements that would be duplicative of opening statements already presented in this proceeding by a party be avoided.

Pre-hearing briefs may still be filed and served by or before the close of business on October 26, 2018 by any or all parties, if desired. These briefs may be used to expand or explain opening statements made to the Commission, or they may be submitted in lieu of opening statements. Further, because of the number of parties that may potentially file pre-hearing briefs in these Dockets, it must be stated that relative brevity is always appreciated, including brevity with regard to the pre-hearing briefs.

This ends the Hearing Officer's Directive.